

# BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023**

**2:30 P.M.**

2180 Milvia Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704 – Redwood Room

1404 Le Roy Ave, Berkeley, CA 94708 – Teleconference Location

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Sophie Hahn and Susan Wengraf

Alternate: Councilmember Ben Bartlett

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# AGENDA

**Roll Call:** 2:35 p.m. All present.

**Public Comment** – 6 speakers

## Review of Agendas

### 1. Approval of Minutes: September 26, 2023

**Action:** M/S/C (Hahn/Wengraf) to approve the minutes of 9/26/23.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

### 2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:

a. 11/7/23 – 6:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting

**Action:** M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to request that the author of Item 21 add a referral to the Environment and Climate Commission.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

**Action:** M/S/C (Hahn/Arreguin) to request that the author of Item 22 add a referral to the Commission on Disability, Commission on Aging, and the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

**Action:** M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to approve the agenda of 11/7/23 with the changes noted below.

- Item Added: Tide Tube Budget Referral (Harrison) – Item added to the agenda
- Item 10 United Against Hate Week (Arreguin) – Revised item submitted; Councilmembers Hahn and Wengraf added as co-sponsors
- Item 11 – Holiday Fund (Arreguin) – Councilmembers Hahn and Wengraf added as co-sponsors
- Item 12 Housing Retention Program (Arreguin) – Councilmembers Hahn, Robinson, and Wengraf added as co-sponsors
- Item 14 Berkeley Youth (Harrison) – Councilmember Taplin added as a co-sponsor
- Item 17 Land Trust (City Manager) – Moved to Consent Calendar
- Item 21 Just Transition (Taplin) – Referred to Land Use, Housing, and Economic Development Committee with additional commission referral requested
- Item 22 Modernizing Transportation Language in BMC (Robinson) – Referred to Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee with additional commission referrals requested
- Item 23 Neighborhood Scale Commercial (Robinson) – Referred to Land Use, Housing, and Economic Development Committee

#### Order of Action Items

Item 16 Initiative Petition

Item 18 Surveillance Technology Report

Item 19 Energy Commission Recommendation

Item 20 Peace & Justice Commission Recommendation

**Vote:** All Ayes.

3. **Selection of Item for the Berkeley Considers Online Engagement Portal**
  - None Selected
4. **Adjournments In Memory – None**

## **Scheduling**

5. **Council Worksessions Schedule** – updates for providing information on future regular meeting agendas
6. **Council Referrals to Agenda Committee for Scheduling** – received and filed
7. **Land Use Calendar** – received and filed

## **Referred Items for Review**

8. **Discussion and Possible Action on City Council Rules of Decorum and Remote Public Comments**

**Action:** 3 speakers. Discussion held. Retain existing practice at this time. Request for additional signage.

9. **City Council Legislative Systems Redesign**

**Action:** 2 speakers. No action taken.

## **Unscheduled Items**

10. **Modifications or Improvements to City Council Meeting Procedures (referred by Council at the March 14, 2023 meeting)**
11. **Strengthening and Supporting City Commissions: Guidance on the Development of Legislative Proposals**
12. **Discussion and Recommendations on the Continued Use of the Berkeley Considers Online Engagement Portal**

## **Items for Future Agendas**

- None

## Adjournment

**Action:** M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

Adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on October 23, 2023.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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